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SUBJ: MEA OFFICIAL'S COMMENTS ON US HUMAN RIGHTS POLICY

IN MARCH 7 DINNER CONVERSATION, WITH MEA JOINT SECRETARY (AMERICAS) MADHAVAN, POLCOUNS SUMMARIZED DEPT'S SUBMISSION TO CONGRESS ON HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN INDIA AND OFFERED TO SEND TEXT TO MEA FOR MADHAVAN FOLLOWING DAY. MADHAVAN SAID HE WAS NOT PARTICULARLY CONCERNED ABOUT HUMAN RIGHTS PROBLEM SO FAR AS INDO-US RELATIONS WERE CONCERNED AT PRESENT TIME AND HOPED ISSUE WOULD NOT BECOME MORE DIFFICULT IN THE FUTURE. HE CAUTIONED, HOWEVER, THAT SHOULD USG OFFICIALLY COMMENT ADVERSELY ON HUMAN RIGHTS MATTERS IN INDIA. EMBASSY AND DEPT SHOULD ANTICIPATE THAT THE GOI WOULD FEEL COMPELLED TO REPLY VIGOROUSLY. GOI BELIEVED THAT WHAT OCCURRED WITHIN ITS OWN BORDERS WAS ITS OWN BUSINESS AND NO OTHER GOVT HAD RIGHT TO OFFER JUDGMENTS ON SUCH MATTERS. COMMENTS BY US PRESS WERE ONETHING, AND WHILE NOT APPRECIATED BY THE GOI, COULD BE RESPONDED TO APPROPRIATELY BY THE INDIAN PRESS. OFFICIAL COMMENTS, HOWEVER, WOULD INEVITABLY PRODUCE SHARP FORMAL REBUTTALS.

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MADHAVAN EMPHASIZED THIS WAS THE OFFICIAL POSITION OF THE GOI.

COMMENT: WHILE INDIAN POSITION HAS NOT BEEN PUT TO US THIS EXPLICITLY PREVIOUSLY, MADHAVAN'S COMMENTS ARE GENERALLY CONSISTENT WITH WHAT HAD BEEN OUR ASSUMPTION OF INDIAN POSITION ON THIS SUBJECT AND TONE OF INDIAN

COMMENTS REGARDING US REACTION TO INDIAN EMERGENCY
OVER LAST TWO YEARS.
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